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SUBJECT: OKINAWA POLLUTION FLAP ON ARMY LEAK OF HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM

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1. THE OKINAWA PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE MASSIVE PRESS COVERAGE

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TO THE ARMY LEAKAGE OF CHEMICAL DETERGENT ALLEGEDLY CONTAINING TOXIC HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM AND THE LOCAL PROTEST DEVELOPING OVER IT, PROBABLY BECAUSE THE LEFT HAS NOT HAD AN INCIDENT TO BUILD UP STREAM ON LATELY.

2. THE PREFECTURAL GOVT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT DEPT ANNOUNCED THAT ITS ANALYSIS HAD SHOWN THE PRESENCE OF HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM
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IN THE LIQUID LEFT IN THE CONTAINER WHICH LEAKED, BUT NOT IN

THE SURROUNDING SEA. THE ARMY, HOWEVER, HAS NOT YET COMPLETED ITS ANALYSIS.

3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE LEFT-LEANING OKINAWA SOCIALIST MASSES PARTY, KOMEITO AND THE JCP HAVE ALL ISSUED PROTESTS EXPRESSING "SHOCK" AND ATTACKING U.S. FORCES "CARELESSNESS" OR "DISREGARD FOR THE PREFECTURAL PEOPLE."

4. THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED ANTI-H BOMB COUNCIL PROTESTED THE INCIDENT AT THE CONGEN, ALONG WITH DEFENSE SECY SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT REGARDING USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, DEMANDING THAT WE EXPRESS REGRET FOR THE DISCHARGE OF A TOXIC SUBSTANCE. WE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT A DISCHARGE HAD OCCURRED, BUT STRESSED THAT ITS CHEMICAL CONTENT WAS STILL BEING ANALYZED.

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